(b) and (c) The Expert Committee on Tobacco constituted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare will be supported in conducting the study by information supplied by the concerned departments of the Government including the Ministry of Labour. Moreover, an opportunity has been provided to the representatives of Farmers and Tobacco Growers Associations, Trade Unions and Beedi Industry Associations to express their views on the proposed legislation singly or jointly before the Deputy Director General of Health Services for bringing the same to the notice of the Government.

**Failure in depositing PF money by Super Bazar**

173. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of Super Bazar have failed to deposit provident fund money realised from the workers;

(b) if so, grade-wise amount so far collected and contributed in Super Bazar in last three years, year-wise; and

(c) reasons for such failures?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) It has been reported by the Super Bazar Delhi that they are regularly depositing the employees subscription to Provident Fund together with the employer's contribution with the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner (RPFC), Delhi. The details in this regard are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Year | Employee's subscription | Employer's contribution | Amount deposited with RPFC, Delhi |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 57.48 | 57.48 | 114.96 |
| 1994-95 | 63.19 | 63.19 | 126.38 |
| 1995-96 | 73.90 | 73.90 | 146.24 |

During 1995-96, there is a shortfall of Rs. 1.56 lakh in the deposits. This was mainly due to regularisation of some workers with retrospective effect in compliance with a court order. It has been further reported that the balance amount has since been deposited by them. As regards maintenance of grade-wise accounts, it has been reported by the Super Bazar that grade-wise provident fund accounts are not maintained.

**Abolition of levy on sugar**

174. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the levy on sugar has been abolished by Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and its effect on common man; and

(c) which are the major organisations and associations which have opposed this move and those which have supported this?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**वृद्धों, अपंगों और विधवाओं को पेंशन**

175. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश भर में वृद्ध तथा अपंग व्यक्तियों और विधवाओं को पेंशन प्रदान करने के लिए राज्य सरकारों ने अपने-अपने स्तर पर भिन्न-भिन्न दरें और मापदंड तय किए हैं;